

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1948.

## URBAN DISTRICT OF BOWDON.

## Section A.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The area of the Urban District of Bowdon is 1090 acres. The Registrar General's estimate of the population is 3550.

The number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1948 according to the Rate Book was approximately 1,020.

The Rateable Value of the District is £41,159  
and the sum represented by a penny rate is £156.

The Social Conditions are good. The District is almost entirely residential. No industries are carried on.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
<u>Live Births</u> (Legitimate)	50	32	18
(Illegitimate)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>53</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>19</u>

## Still Births

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Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated population = 14.93  
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (live and  
still births) = Nil

## DEATHS.

Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated  
resident population. = 15.21  
Total Number of Deaths. = 54

### Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Total Number of Deaths of Infants under One Year = Nil

Death Rate-All infants per 1000 live births = Nil  
Death Rate-Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate Live births. = Nil

Death Rate-Illegitimate Infants per 1000  
Illegitimate Live births. = Nil

Deaths from Measles. (All ages) = Nil  
 " " Whooping Cough. (All ages) = Nil  
 " " Diarrhoea. (Under two years) = Nil  
 " " Cancer. = 9

There has been no excessive mortality from any cause, and there has been no outstanding cause of sickness or invalidity.

Section

B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (1) The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time Officer.

The Sanitary Inspector, who also acts as Surveyor to the Council, is a whole time Official. This position is filled by Mr. A. E. Shimmings, who holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and S. I. E. J. Board and the Meat Inspector's Certificate (R. S. I.).

(ii) (a) Laboratory Facilities. Materials are sent to the Public Health Laboratory Manchester.

(b) Ambulance Facilities. The service until 5th July undertaken by the Hale and Bowdon Joint Ambulance was transferred to Cheshire County Council on that day, but continued to be operated by the local Committee as agents until the end of the year.

(c) Nursing in Home. This service is now administered by the Cheshire County Council.

(1) Clinics & Treatment Centres. The Cheshire County Council provide an Infant Clinic in Bowdon Vale.

(c) Hospitals. Altringham General Hospital 100 beds is available for general and gynaecological cases. Obstetrical cases may be sent to St. Mary's Hospital Manchester. Use is also made of the Manchester Hospital for general cases. St. Anne's Home, Dunham Massey, is a hospital with 50 beds for diseases of the ear, nose and throat, and some medical cases are also admitted.

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C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water is supplied by the Manchester Corporation. Both quality and quantity have been satisfactory throughout the year.

(ii) Drainage & Sewerage. No extension has been made during the year, and none is required.

2. Rivers & Streams. The land treatment appears to be providing a satisfactory affluent.

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D.

PREVALANCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES.

Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases was provided at Monsall Hospital Manchester. This has proved ample and is used for most of such cases. Measles, Whooping Cough, and Scarlet Fever are normally nursed at home, but where considered advisable they can be admitted to Monsall Hospital

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D. (Cont) There was one death from Pneumonia.

Other Diseases.

(a) Cancer.

There were 8 deaths from cancer during the year. No particular trade was affected. The localisation was as follows:-

Cancer of Buccal Cavity & Oesophagus	1.
Cancer of Breast	Nil.
Other sites	<u>7</u>
	<u>8</u>

The Holt Radium Institute, Manchester, is available for the treatment of Bowdon cases.

(b) Blindness.

Manchester Eye Hospital can be resorted to (persons suffering) for treatment. No preventive action has been necessary.

(c) Tuberculosis.

No action has been necessary with regard to persons suffering from tuberculosis in the milk trade.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Immunisation is carried out by the Cheshire County Council's Welfare Centre, Priory Street, Bowdon.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Bowdon Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The whole of the district is supplied from the Manchester Corporation mains. The supply in all cases is direct to the house.

During the year the supply has been constant and satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Frequent Bacteriological and Chemical examinations are made of the water before going into supply. The results of the chemical analyses were satisfactory and in the case of 99 Bacteriological tests 90 were certified free from coliform bacteria.

As a precaution against plumbo-solvent action, the water is treated with hydrated lime. This reduces the lead content of water after standing 18 hours in contact with lead service pipes to about 0.2 parts per million.

Sewerage & Drainage.

Small amounts of defective drains and sewers have been found and remedied during the year.

New lengths of sewer were provided on the Council Housing Site.

The sewer in Stanhope Road was extended by 500 ft. to accommodate new dwellings. Owing to the shallow depth this length was encased in 6" concrete.

With the exception of 7 outlying cottages the whole of the district is on the water carriage system.

Smoke Abatement.

No complaints have been received and no action has been necessary during the year.

Eradication of Bed Bugs and other Insect Pests.

No cases of bug infestation were discovered during the year.

21 wasps nests were destroyed .

The Departments help was asked for in the elimination of other pests when D.D.T., Gammexane and other remedies were supplied.

Infectious Diseases.

Very few cases of Notifiable Infectious Diseases occurred during the year. In most cases they were treated at home.

Factories.

No action has been necessary.

Inspection of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

There are eight producers in the area. These premises were constantly inspected.

(b) No adulteration has been reported and no action has been necessary.

(c) Inspections of Meat & other Foods.

Frequent visits of inspection to food shops are made.

There is only one butchers shop in the area, the meat being obtained from Altrincham.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered and certified as unfit for human consumption:-

Pinhead Oatmeal	170 lbs.
Tongue	6 lbs.

Canned Foods.

Apricots.	6 tins.	Marmalade.	2 tins.
Gooseberries.	4 "	Sweet Milk.	5 "
Evaporated Milk.	13 "	Salmon.	8 "
Soup.	11 "	Luncheon Meat.	3 "
Peas.	6 "	Minced Beef.	3 "
Meat & Cereal.	1 "	Pilchards.	3 "

Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.

There are no slaughter houses or knackers yards in the area.

One licence to slaughter is in force.

Rodent Control.

Under the Rats & Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 the County Council are responsible for the enforcement of the Act.

The County Council have delegated their powers to this Council and the Sanitary Inspector acts as the Rodent Officer.

One of the Council's workmen has attended courses of instruction in Rodent Control and his services are utilised in this work as and when required.

The Ministry of Food recommended methods are used.

Sewer tests are taken at six-monthly intervals and the results have been very gratifying.

The Council's refuse tip, sewage farm and Towns Yard are baited monthly as routine matter and at other times if found necessary.

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Rodent Control (Continued)

No serious infestations have been found or reported. The usual cases reported are of occasional rats infesting hen runs, these have usually been found in the outlying districts and are speedily dealt with.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. SHIMMINGS,

Sanitary Inspector.

